[Dr. M. O. Cheriyan]

(*a*) Have the Government any scheme for expansion of generation of power and if so, the anticipated sources;

(*b*) Is investigation by the Electricity Department for producing more power in progress now;

(*c*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, which are the sites taken up for investigation, and when do Government expect those investigations to be completed; and

(*d*) have the Government any idea as to the probable quantity of power that can be produced from the sites which are being investigated at present?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Yes. It is proposed to utilise the falls in the Periyar, Pamba, and other rivers in the State to develop more power.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Preliminary investigation of Idikki, Kallar and Perinchankutty rivers has been completed. Detailed investigation of Neriamangalam, Panniar and Kumbalankudi are in progress. It is expected that the work will be completed in 2 years.

(*d*) Yes.

Palai Municipal Council.

459. MR. K. M. CHANDY (*Meenachil I-General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Local Self Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that a Chairman and a Vice Chairman have been nominated by the Government to the Palai Municipal Council;

(*b*) whether they are aware that none of the elected members of the Palai Municipal Council attended any meeting of the Council so far;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the name of Mr. R. V. Thomas unanimously nominated to the chairmanship was rejected by the District Magistrate, Kottayam;

(*d*) whether they are aware that when the name of Mr. R. V. Thomas was not acceptable to the Government the Municipal Council was not given another chance to elect a chairman; and

(*e*) whether it would be possible for the present government to enlist the co-operation of the elected members to run the municipality?

HON'BLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN:

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) Yes.
(*e*) The matter will be considered.

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